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For: DISK REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND DISK REPRODUCING METHOD

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.322

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Sir:

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of Correction**

In reviewing the above-identified patent, a printing error was discovered therein requiring correction in order to conform the Official Record in the application.

The error noted is set forth on the attached copy of form PTO-1050 Rev. 2-93 in the manner required by the Commissioner's Notice.

Specifically, in the claims, Column 31, (claim 1) line 43, the phrase "to each other alone" should read -- **to each other along** -- ; and in line 63, (claim 3) the phrase "the next block is read out" to -- **the next block is read out** --. The correct version can be seen in Applicants' amendment filed June 30, 2004. Attached are copies of relevant pages of the afore-mentioned amendment.

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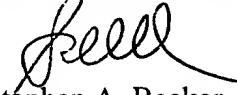
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The change requested herein occurred as a result of printing the Letters Patent and the Certificate should be issued without expense under Rule 322 of the Rules of Practice. Accordingly, Applicants request issuance of the Certificate of Correction.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letter Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Column 31, claim 1, line 43, change "to each other alone" to -- to each other **along** --;

Column 31, claim 3, line 63, change "the next block is read out" to -- the next **block** is read out --.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action
mailed April 7, 2004.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A disk reproducing apparatus as defined in claim 1,
Printed claim 1
wherein said wherein a defective block list with information registered thereon has been acquired from a recording medium, said information showing defective blocks and alternative blocks linked to each other along with types of defective blocks and, when there arises need to read out a defective block from said recording medium, a corresponding alternative block is read out and forwarded to a production requester, said apparatus comprising:

reading control means identifies for identifying the type of the defective block registered on the defective block list and controls controlling the reading according to the identification results only when an indication that real time reproduction is important is indicated by said reproduction requester.

3. (Currently Amended) The disk reproducing apparatus as defined in claim 1 or 2,

2 wherein in case a block to be read is a defective block of a specific type, said reading control means so controls the reading that said defective block is not read out but the next block is read out.

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4. (Currently Amended) The disk reproducing apparatus as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said reading control means so controls the reading that in case a read block is a defective block of a specific type, the reading process is continued without interruption and the next block is read out even if reading out said defective block is an error

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5. (Currently Amended) The disk reproducing apparatus as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said reading control means so controls the reading that in case a read block is a defective block of a specific type, the reading process is continued without retrying reading said defective block and the next block is read out.

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6. (Currently Amended) The disk reproducing apparatus as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said reading control means so controls the reading that in case a read block is a defective block of a specific type, reading said defective block is retried a specific number of times.

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7. (Currently Amended) The disk reproducing apparatus as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said reading control means so controls the reading as to work out the number of reading retrials per defective block on the basis of the number of read blocks, the number of blocks to be read and the number of defective blocks present among the blocks to be read and to retry reading out the defective blocks of a specific type a maximum of that number of times.

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8. (Currently Amended) The disk reproducing apparatus as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said reading control means so controls the reading as to work out the number of reading retrials per defective block on the basis of the distribution ratio of defective blocks, the speed at

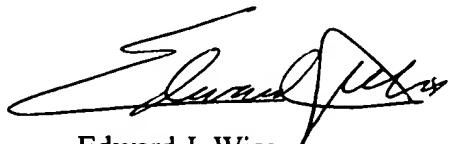
CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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